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TUNA TOWER NEWS

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NEXT GM

THURSDAY,
JUNE 13
7:30 PM

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Weather Guru **BILL KORBEL**, Meteorologist, News 12 Long Island will talk about weather patterns, how they effect fish and what Mariners should watch out for with our weather.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well May has come and gone... and with it the fishing has finally started to heat up. The striped bass have kept the rods bending and fluke have been starting to show. June is also shark tournament time, and the offshore scene is starting to heat up. The property is shaping up for the season and the captains and anglers barbecues are in full swing. Come on down Thursday nights and enjoy what the cook crew has whipped up.

For this month's GM, Bruce Forster has scheduled Meteorologist Bill Korbel from News 12, let's pack the house and support the club. Before Bill takes the podium, Tim Sherman will be doing an impromptu fish ID clinic by the bar. Bring your pictures and try and stump the master.

Our big event this summer is our first annual fluke shootout, please see Rob Cincotta for details. He will also be looking for volunteers to help out on the day of the event.

Thanks to all the of the behind the scenes work by everyone that makes the FTC such a great club.

Capt. Adam Bollaci



Happy Father's Day

WELCOME SUMMER!!



Bunker has shown up in great numbers near the Raritan Bay. Striper fishing is in full swing with fish up to 50 pounds caught on mojo and spoons. I have been fishing Raritan Bay since opening day and it has been a success with using mojo in the day and chunking bunker at night with fish in to the 35lb. class.

Captain Adam Bollaci and Rick Totten of team *Hooker* went fishing on May 25 and caught a 49.12 lb. striped bass. They were fishing west of Jones Inlet in about 40 feet of water. Way to go team Hooker!!

Captain Bob Bohart took a crew of 3 guys (who are renewing their membership or joining the club for the first time) aboard *Joint Effort II*. The morning bite was the ticket when Joe caught a striped bass weighing 37 lbs. on mojo.

Captain Paul Cunningham and Joe Steiner aboard the *Second Chance* fishing for stripers in the pink hotel area and trolling to McCallister. They hooked up with 2 beautiful stripers in the morning weighing 27 lb. and 19 lb. They were using white and green spoons and white and yellow mojo.

On May 20, aboard the *Peconic Star* out of Greenport, Gene, Larry and Dave went fishing for porgies. They limited out with a few dinner plates thrown in. The weather was breezy but beautiful. Tides were screaming due to the moon, so heavier lead was needed. They had a limit of porgies up to 4 lbs.



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Captain Barbara Solomon and Peter Cefai went out on Memorial Day aboard her boat *Legal Limits*. They trolled in 50-60 ft of water for about 6 hours without a bite. Around 4pm they decided to call it quits. As she grabbed her rod to reel - BAM!!! Peter

grabbed the gaff, clean shot. Measured over 44 inches and weighed in at Bay Park Fishing Station weighing 45.8lbs. color choice was white and green. Way to go Barbara!!

I personally went on a road trip to Cape Cod, Massachusetts - Blackfish and seabass... scoring jumbos on both species.



Sincerely, *Ken Donowski*

Please send all your reports to me at:

Text: 1-917-231-5699 or

E-mail: Kenbase2006@icloud.com

Be sure to include photos

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Beginning next week the FTC will be starting a new weekly seminar. This will be a "remedial reading" class for those with comprehension difficulties in understanding the sign and notification in the last several bulletins about no shrink wrap next to or in the dumpster. Don't be the guy seen on camera leaving their shrink wrap next to the dumpster.

June 1 will be long gone as you read this and Mother nature did it to us again with wind rain and cold, because of this, the deadline for removing all boats from the property has been moved to June 16.

Your Property Committee

SHOOTOUT

The Freeport Tuna Club's first shootout of the year will be on June 7,8,9 against the Matinecock Rod and Gun Club. The three heaviest Striped Bass from each will determine the winner. The FTC second shootout will be on June 21,22 and 23. This time the three heaviest Fluke from each club will determine the winner. Please send a picture of your weight slip to my cell phone 516 721 8207

John Rooney



FLUKE SHOOTOUT

JULY 20 2019

RAIN DATE JULY 21

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CAPTAIN'S MEETING ★ JULY 19, 2019 ★ 6-10PM
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DERBY, AWARDS & CONTESTS

Awards Chairman: Ray Geiger | Committee Team: Bob Benzenberg, Harry Sbaschnig & Bill Morrogh



The start of our 2019 derby season was tough to say the least. No spring cod or flounder derby slips were received. Even Bob (aka Old Reliable) Pandy came up empty handed for a change. However, in a repeat of last year, congrats to Mike Zullo and Pete Groner, who managed to get out blackfishing in some less than ideal conditions. They will be presented their awards at our June GM on Thursday, June 13. Please come down to this meeting to support the club and congratulate the winners on their well deserved efforts.

Spring Blackfish Results:

1st Place: Mike Zullo	4.4 lbs.	F/V Magic Too
2nd Place: Peter Groner	4.0 lbs.	F/V Endless Summer II
3rd Place: Mike Zullo	3.0 lbs.	F/V Magic Too

We should receive the 2019 Fish-at-a-Glance cards (thanks Captains Bill Morrogh and John Jutt!) and they will be available at our June GM and our Thursday Cap-

tains & Anglers BBQs. This cards list all derby species, dates and minimum weights for the year. Don't leave the property without two: one for your wallet and one for your fishing vessel.

As a reminder, all eligible slips we receive figure in our annual awards. So, even if you don't win a derby, get your fish weighed throughout the seasons and give us a fully completed slip. Remember: If we don't have a completed slip in hand, the fish did not exist. Also, ALL submitted fish must meet minimum weights to be eligible for submission.

Also, my contact info and derby updates are available on the Fishing Reports section (members only – so you need to register) of our forum located on the FTC website.

I hope to see you at the GM!

Best Fishes! *Ray Geiger*

STRIPER DIARIES | EPISODE 13



With Memorial Day approaching, all I could think about was catching the elusive Striped Bass. Unfortunately, my only chance of fishing was on Memorial Day. Honey, "I'm sorry, but we must cancel all plans involving a BBQ." We must go fishing!!!

The first step to catching a fish is getting up in the middle of the night. You must be in the inlet at the gray light. As my alarm starts beeping, I notice it is 8:00am!!! OH NO.... I overslept! Grab the gear and run down to the boat, we are already three (3) hours late! I contemplated not fishing, as the best striper fishing for me has always been at sunrise or sunset. The times in between are dead zones in my opinion. That is not to say you can never catch a bass at 12 noon, but when pods of fish are scattered and the bait is scarce, its best to fish at dawn.

We head out of Deb's Inlet with a pair of Tony Maja rods outfitted with the Shimano Tekota 800 Line Counter reels. These reels are a game changer in trolling and take the guess work out of placing a bunker spoon at a desired depth. We start with a grid trolling at various depths. Over and over we continue on the prowl. With very few marks of bait, our enthusiasm begins to dwindle. I am hoping that at the turn of the tide things will pick up. We trolled from the Roundhouse, to the AB Reef, and all the way to the Rockaway Reef without a touch. Not even a knockdown, and marked virtually no bait. Honey, this is going to be a very long night.

By 3:00 p.m. I had make the executive decision that there would be no dinner that evening. We would simply have to troll until sunset at 8:30 p.m. All of a sudden, Pete yells out "absolutely not, I want dinner tonight." So with that, we agreed to compromise. We would give it one more hour. At 4:30 p.m without another boat in sight, we figured it was just not our day. I mean you can't catch fish all the time and anyone who says they do is lying! With that, I decided to make the call. Ok, lines up. I throttled down and grabbed the port rod to begin reeling it in. As soon as I gave the handle one crank something very heavy took off charging. FISH ON!!! Could this be possible? Were the fish gods answering our prayers. I reeled and reeled until I saw color. HOLY COW. Grab the gaff. A smooth shot to head and Pete swung the fish on deck. OMG it's huge. We both stood in amazement and did the happy dance and a few high fives too! Quick, we better run in and get to a weigh station.

We pulled up to Bay Park Fishing Station by 5:30 p.m. with big smiles and yelled out "this thing is a beast!" We hauled the fish onto the scale. It weighed a whopping 45.8 pounds! Wow! A personal best! By the time we headed back to Freeport, cleaned the boat and the fish, we never did have dinner that night. But boy was it worth it !!!

Don't wait to get in on the action!
Until next time, Tight lines,

Capt. Barbara Solomon
F/V Legal Limits



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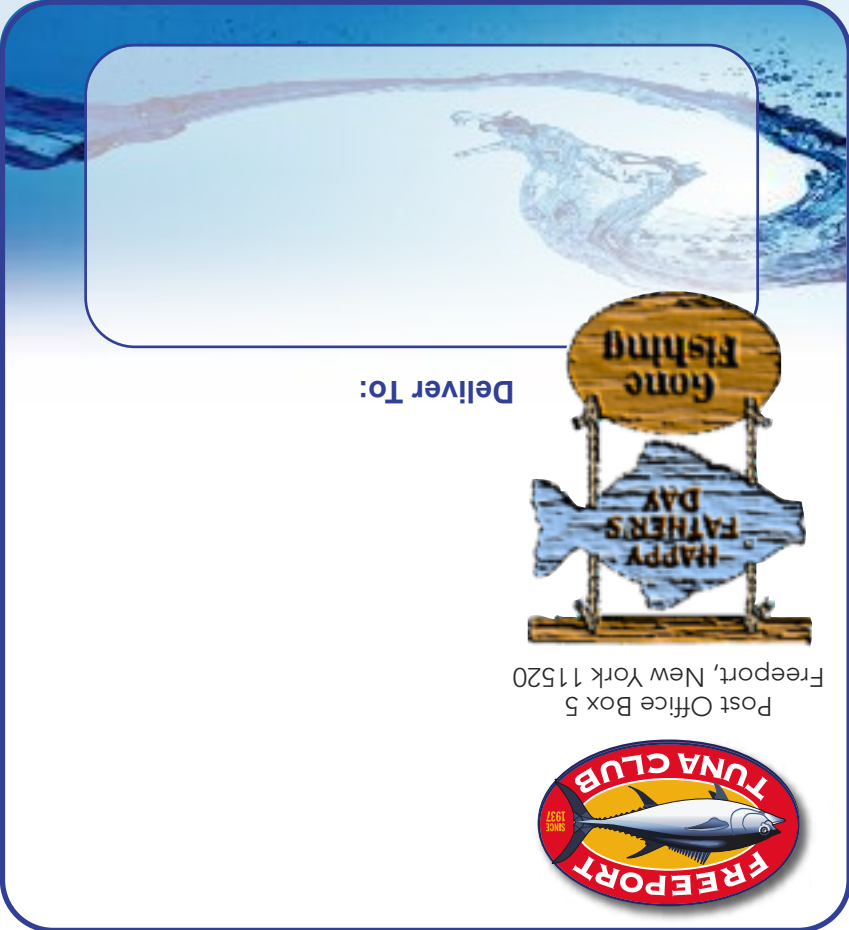
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